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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Sir:

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1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 (3 pages) along with a copy of the twenty-eight (28) cited references; and
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Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raymond Millien", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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